

News From SOUTH PORCUPINE

The Christmas season would not be such a happy affair in our town without the children's pre-Christmas concert and jollifications in preparation for the festive day.

One of the nicest and happiest of such occasions was that of Monday afternoon and evening at the Dome School when every pupil from the oldest to the youngest participated with joy in a Christmas operetta.

This school is small enough to be a real community centre, and the principal Miss Lynch, is a beloved instructor and with the help of her teachers who must have worked very hard to bring the pupils to such a state of perfection, the operetta brought the Christmas spirit not only to the performers but to the parents and friends who filled the concert room.

The programme opened with Christmas carols sung very sweetly by pupils of rooms 3 and 4.

These were followed by some good exhibitions of gymnastics by the boys of the school (intermediate and senior grades).

"The Magic Christmas Bell" was the name of the little operetta. Two of Santa's helpers were Wimple (Carolyn Fritz) and Nimble (Joyce Mitchell), are discovered cleaning Santa's toy shop on Christmas eve. They wonder why Santa left without saying goodbye when they hear the jingle of bells and Santa Claus (Nelson Neil) rushes in. He was tired and overworked and now is distracted lest he should not get over the world in time.

The little helpers suggest the "Magic Bell" of no man's land, which in turn calls Santa's helpers from far and near to distribute Christmas gifts. And they come, group after group, eager to make the little children happy in their own lands until every child in the world is taken care of.

There were Swedish children, each in costume dancing and singing.

Such lassies and ladies in kilt and tam, Christmas puddings (each little brown wobbling pudding containing a tiny boy whose head and feet were all that could be seen of him), dixie dolls who danced and pirouetted in South-ern garb, Chinese boys in regulation get-up, who obviously enjoyed the role. Ballerons — lovely young girls in pastel paper gowns with balloons floating from shoulder and head. Christmas trees all "decorated up" in shining balls and tinsel trappings; Cowboys who enjoyed their "yippee" calls with test; Spanish dancers in costume who danced wonderfully well, and the tiniest little "Indian Maidens" who looked good enough to eat!

Three Jack-in-the-Boxes, Jimmy Hartling, Billy Harris and Johnny Magnusson were most lifelike and caused much merriment.

And the feeling of Christmas is with us to stay.

On Tuesday morning by invitation, the little pre-school Kindergarten, kindly included us in their festivities.

A lovely Christmas tree held gifts and candies for all the pupils and the sister brothers and sisters, who came to see what the brothers and sisters did in Kindergarten.

There were nursery rhymes by shy and less shy mites. Elaborate costumes of paper made the performers feel important and the Rhythm Band obviously delighted each one of them.

They sang and behaved with the freedom which is only found in the perfectly uninhibited.

When Santa came he was surrounded with the little mob who were all convinced that the spirit of Christmas was a reality, especially as he had "all the fixings."

Mrs. Irma Quesnel and Mrs. Ray-bould are the teachers of this little Kindergarten which prepares pre-school children for the discipline of public school to follow.

Hamilton Kain Passes

It is with regret that we note the passing of Hamilton Kain aged 84, who died last Saturday morning at the home of his daughter Miss Essie Kain in Port Elgin.

Very recently Miss Kain and her father left S. Porcupine, where they had resided for the past seven years to take up residence in Port Elgin. Miss Kain had served in S. Porcupine as our first V.O.N., and which similar office she is performing in Port Elgin. Her father who lived with her has been in poor health for some time while here was known to all as a cheerful and esteemed resident. Many will be sorry to learn his death.

His funeral took place on Tuesday at his old home in Graham, Ont., where he is buried beside his wife, who pre-deceased him six years ago in S. Porcupine.

LOCALS

Miss Peggy McLellan is home from Toronto University to spend the holidays with her parents on Main Street.

Miss Marilyn Cliff who is a student at Western University, London, arrived on Friday to spend the holiday season at her home on Main St.

Stephen Evans is home from Queen's University, Kingston, for the holiday season.

All the teachers of our Public and High Schools with the exception of those whose homes are here are leav-

ing on Thursday for their respective homes.

Miss Pearl Kennedy left on Tuesday to spend the holiday season with friends in Kirkland Lake.

Mr. and Mrs. Sol. Sky left last week to spend the holidays with Mrs. Stern in Toronto. Later they will journey south for the winter months.

Mr. and Mrs. McCullough and daughter leave on Thursday for Oshawa and Toronto, for the holidays.

Miss Ellen Pocock, our V.O.N. nurse left on Wednesday for Willowdale where she will visit friends over the holiday season.

Mrs. O'Shaughnessy and family left last Wednesday to make their home in Cobalt.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Dixon left on Friday to spend the festive season in Aldermac.

Police Court

G. Chénier, for faulty parking, paid \$1 and costs.

Adjourned for one week was a case of assault brought by V. Cude against George Batusco, also adjourned was the case brought by Tom Bolton against Patrick Karvits for uttering a forged document and also for forgery, the same man brought by A. C. White.

The defendant pleaded guilty but sentence will be given next week.

For having defective lights the fine of \$1 was levied against L. Pilon, Edgar Bastien, James Brenna, and D. Van Leiven.

Edward Reed for failing to produce his permit paid \$10 and costs.

Other students from Queen's University whose families are expecting them for the holidays are Doug. Farren, Don Briden and Ron Walker.

Johnny McLellan with the Toronto hockey Marlboros will be home for Christmas day.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Carl Haacke of S. Porcupine, a son, on December 15th, in Porcupine General Hospital.

BORN — On December 12th, in Porcupine General Hospital, to Mr. and Mrs. Ken Blanchard, of 21½ Way Ave., Timmins, a son.

Mr. Kevin Cahill, student of Guelph Agricultural College, is home for the holiday season.

60th Wedding Anniversary

For the first time possibly in the annals of the Porcupine Camp, a South Porcupine couple celebrated their 60th anniversary of their wedding — their diamond jubilee anniversary, on Christmas Day.

They are Mr. and Mrs. John Costain, early settlers in S. Porcupine and of late years resident here entirely.

They now spend the winter with their daughter in Kemptville near Ottawa and return each summer to South End to their old home here for a few weeks.

The whole family were present in Kemptville to celebrate. Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Costain of Dome Ex., left last week. Mr. Allan Costain and family of Ottawa were there and as many grandchildren as can possibly be present will attend.

The old couple were married in 1888 in Foxdale, Isle of Man, and have been residents here since 1914. Both enjoy fairly good health, especially Mr. Costain who still enjoys fishing and other pastimes.

Many who know them well sent congratulations. Their address is, care of Mrs. B. Frisby, The Bakery, Kemptville.

Congratulations from the "Advance" and may they be together for many years to come.

Friends of Mrs. W. Kellow at the Dome will regret to hear that she met with a nasty accident in connection with a pressure cooker on Christmas Day, and is suffering from burns. All wish her a speedy recovery.

Mr. Don Schmitt of Preston East Dome was also the victim of an accident involving an explosion. He has an arm in a cast and face burns. His friends wish him speedy recovery.

BORN — To Mr. and Mrs. Adrian Leduc of 114 Dome Ave., a son, on December 23rd, in Porcupine General Hospital.

Mr. V. H. Evans is spending the Christmas season at his home in Winnipeg.

Christmas Services

The midnight service held on Christmas Eve in St. Paul's Church was well attended, and the singing of carols was a feature.

The following Sunday evening service was an old fashioned "Midnight Caroling" in which the choir sang suitable carols to the minister's reading of "The Annunciation," "The Visitation," "The Birth of Christ," "The visit of the Wisemen, the massacre of the Holy Innocents, and "The Presentation," followed by the "Nunc Dimittis."

There will be a service in St. Paul's Church on New Year's Eve, starting at 11:30 p.m., to usher in the New Year. On Sunday morning January 2nd Bishop Renison will conduct the service and preach the sermon.

Four-Star Kerr



DEBORAH KERR, whose four-star performance in the English made M-G-M release, "Vacation From Marriage" won her a contract with M-G-M, will be seen next in "Edward, My Son," in which she is starred opposite Spencer Tracy.

SOUTH PORCUPINE

All students of South Porcupine High School met in general assembly Wednesday morning, December 22nd, to mark the closing of the Fall term for 1947-48.

Principal Ralph C. Ellis addressed the students, noting that, due to the combination of the official opening of the new High School Building, and Commencement Exercises on December 2nd, it had not been possible to present all the Secondary School Graduation Certificates and field and track awards to eligible students. Mr. Ellis personally presented the Middle School Certificates to students of last year's Grade XI and XII. He especially mentioned the high average standing of pupils in this group, one — Stella Tonoff — having received twelve first class honor marks in the twelve subjects comprising the course. This was followed by presentation of Intermediate Certificates to students having successfully completed the first two years of the General Course.

Mr. J. L. Besley presented the Todd Trophy and ribbons to the winners of the track and field events in the boys' division at the annual Field Day held in October. Frank Monteleone, as senior champion, received the shield on behalf of himself and the intermediate and junior champions, P. Pentilla and R. Ranta respectively.

The Fairhurst Trophy for Boys' Basketball was then presented to Norman Whitton, Captain of the XB team for 1947-48.

The Porcupine Hardware Trophy and ribbons for the winners in the girls' division of the track and field events were presented by Miss G. O'Meara. Joyce Kozinski, as senior champion, received the shield which will be inscribed with her own name, as well as that of Evelyn Gibson, intermediate champion, and Diane Pearce, junior champion.

Lorne Thompson, for his team-mates of the PLUGGERS, received from Mr. Meek the South End Garage Trophy, denoting the hockey championship of the school for last year.

Miss A. P. Wilson, who has been a valued member of the staff for several years, and who is leaving school, was called to the platform and, on behalf of all the students, Miss Nancy Cooper, Vice-President of the Students' Council, presented Miss Wilson with an exquisite enamelled music box as a small token of their affection, esteem and good-will. Miss Wilson expressed her gratitude, with a genuine invitation to all to visit her during the summer holidays if in the vicinity of Garden Hill. Her parting admonition to the students — "If you can learn to subordinate your personal plans and conform to the well-being of the rest of the school, you have taken a great step toward worth-while citizenship, and if you do earn this in this building, the product of South Porcupine High School will have been of more value to Canada than all the Dome and McIntyre and Hollinger have been able to produce in value in gold bricks since the beginning of the Camp. She closed in wishing all students a very merry Christmas.

A short programme presented by students of Grade XA was well received by the assembled audience, a dance "Sailors' Hornpipe," followed by a piano solo by Norma Davidson, and closing with a Christmas pageant.

Assembly closed with singing of carols, led by the pupils of XA.

School will re-open at 9:00 a.m. January 3rd, 1949.

Christmas Baby

A baby girl made her appearance on Christmas Day in Porcupine General Hospital. She is the first daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ambrose McManus of S. Porcupine. Two other children are boys.

I held it more humane, more heavenly — first By winning words to conquer will-ing hearts And make persuasion do the work of fear.

- Milton.

News From SCHUMACHER

Miss Ellen Sampson arrived home from Queens University, Kingston, to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mr. Ray Hannigan arrived home from Toronto for a short holiday with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Hannigan, McIntyre Property.

Miss Patricia Barron arrived home from St. Joseph's College, North Bay, and is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Barron.

Miss Annie Butkovich of Toronto has arrived home to spend the holidays with her parents.

Mr. Jack Waite arrived home from Queens University to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. Waite, Birch street.

Mr. Gerald Stevenson is visiting at the home of Karl Mangotich.

Mr. Gordon Hannigan has arrived home from St. Michael's College and is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Hannigan.

Miss Joy Miller has left to spend the holidays with her aunt Miss Mabel Miller.

Miss Joan Potter is spending a few weeks vacation in Huntsville with her parents.

Miss Audrey Sherbin of Montreal is spending a few weeks with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Peter Sherbin.

Gloria and Madeline Launderville of Toronto spent a few days with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Launderville, 110 Third avenue.

Mr. Crawford Clark of Port Hope has arrived home to spend a few days with his parents.

Miss Mary Kirkland, nurse in training at St. Michael's Hospital has arrived home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Kirkland.

Miss Mary Cicci of Toronto is spending a few days with her parents.

Miss Irene Bettiol who has been attending North Bay Normal School has arrived home to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. August Bettiol.

Miss Bernice Trudells of Toronto is visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Herb Miller, Third avenue.

Mr. and Mrs. George Haine and daughter Linda Ann of Toronto are visiting at the home of her parents.

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The method prescribed for creating the Fund is the collection of a special fee, when required, from each person to whom is issued either an operator's or a chauffeur's license.

Although to date no fees have been collected from those operating motor vehicles, the legislation has been in effect since the 1st of July, 1947, and many judgments have been paid by the Department pending the creation of the Fund.

Effective with the issue of 1949 motor vehicle operators' and chauffeurs' licenses, an additional fee of 50 cents (50c) will be collected from each person to whom is issued a 1949 license, which fee will be known as the Unsatisfied Judgment Fund fee and will be set aside solely for the purpose of creating the Unsatisfied Judgment Fund.

This is not an annual fee and no further fee will be collected from motor vehicle drivers for this purpose until the Fund is exhausted or so nearly so as to indicate that there is not sufficient in the Fund to pay judgments for a period of at least one year.

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